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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Chief of Naval Operations

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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1. It is requested that [REDACTED] assignment to CIA be extended for a period of 2 years in order that he may accept a key agency position overseas. There is an immediate need for a replacement for this position and [REDACTED] is the only individual in the agency at the present time who has the necessary background and experience for this duty.

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2. I recognize the fact that [REDACTED] prolonged assignment to CIA and consequent absence from routine assignments in his Navy specialty might be considered to be prejudicial to his interests at such time as his record is reviewed for promotion. However, his original assignment to CIA was arranged without his knowledge in order that a project of importance to national security might have the benefit of his special training and experience. He was commended by my predecessor, Admiral Willenhoetter, for the excellent manner in which he completed this project, and since that time he has served in positions of increasing responsibility in CIA. He has demonstrated consistently the qualities of leadership, initiative, and maturity of judgment normally expected of an officer of higher rank.

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3. It is only because of special trust and confidence in [REDACTED] ability and integrity that he has been recommended for this new position in the agency which is comparable in grade to Navy rank of Captain or higher. I have no hesitancy, therefore, in recommending him for promotion when appropriate.

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4. I will appreciate whatever arrangements can be made to continue this officer's assignment to this agency.

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WALTER B. SMITH  
Director

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